

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 and add new claims 2 to 34 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Amended) A multi-media gaming printer comprising:

a print module including two or more printing heads, each head for reading and writing a different type of card, the two or more printing heads selected from the group including a thermal card read/write print head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head, a magnetic strip card read/write write head, and a smart card connector; and

a controller coupled to the two or more printing heads.

2. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, the print module further comprising an articulated media drive coupled to the controller, the articulated media drive adjustable to accommodate media with various thicknesses.

3. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising a media magazine coupled to the controller and operable to receive and transmit media from and to the print module.

4. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 3, the media magazine further comprising a media quantity sensor.

5. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 3, the media magazine further comprising a read/write media information memory.

6. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising a media cleaner.

7. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising a media cleanliness interrogator.

8. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising a media motion sensor.

9. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising an embossing sensor.

10. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising an external communication port.

11. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, wherein in the two or more heads further comprise a security feature head.

12. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 11, wherein the security feature head is a capacitance head.

13. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 11, wherein the security feature head is an optical head.

14. (New) A method of operating a multi-media gaming printer comprising:
receiving by the multi-media gaming printer a card;
determining by the multi-media gaming printer if the card should be placed in escrow; and
moving by the multi-media gaming printer the card into an escrow location if the card should be placed in escrow.

15. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein determining if the card should be placed in escrow further comprises:
determining the type of the card;
attempting to perform a read operation on the card, the read operation according to the type of the card; and
determining that the card should be placed in escrow if the read operation fails.

16. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein:
the multi-media gaming printer comprises a media storage device; and
moving by the multi-media gaming printer the card into an escrow location further comprises moving the card into the media storage device.

17. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein the multi-media gaming printer comprises a media storage device, the method further comprising replacing an escrowed card with a viable card from the media storage device.

18. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein moving the card into an escrow location further comprises:

determining the type of the card; and
erasing the card according to the type of the card.

19. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein determining if the card should be placed in escrow further comprises:

performing the following if the multi-media gaming printer determines that the card comprises write once media:
determining the number of times the card has been written to; and
determining that the card should be placed into escrow if the number of times the card has been written to exceeds a threshold value.

20. (New) A method of operating a multi-media gaming printer comprising:
receiving a card by the multi-media gaming printer;
determining by the multi-media gaming printer if the card should be cleaned; and

cleaning the card by the multi-media gaming printer if the card should be cleaned.

21. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 20, wherein determining if the card should be cleaned further comprises scanning the card optically to detect optical read failures.

22. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 20, wherein cleaning the card further comprises passing the card one or more times through a cleaning device by the multi-media gaming printer.

23. (New) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 20, further comprising replacing the card with a viable card if cleaning the card fails.

24. (New) A multi-media gaming printer comprising:
a print module for manipulating cards comprising different types of media,
the print module comprising:
a first head for manipulating a first type of card;
a second head for manipulating a second type of card, the first type of card and the second type of card being different card types; and
a controller for controlling the print module.

25. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising an articulated media drive for accommodating media with various thicknesses.

26. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a media magazine for storage of media and for receiving and transmitting media from and to the print module.

27. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 26, the media magazine further comprising a sensor for sending a quantity of media stored in the media magazine.

28. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 26, the media magazine further comprising a memory for storage of information about media stored in the media magazine.

29. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a cleaner for cleaning media inserted into the gaming multi-media printer.

30. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a sensor for determining the cleanliness of media inserted into the gaming multi-media printer.

31. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a sensor for detecting the motion of media within the multi-media gaming printer.

32. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a sensor for sensing embossing on a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer.

33. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising an external port for communicating with an external device.

34. (New) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a security feature head for reading a security feature of a card.